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SUBJECT: IAEA GENEVA GROUP MEETING - APRIL 17, 1973

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1. SUMMARY: IAEA GG MEETING TO EXAMINE PROPOSED AGENCY BUDGET
FOR 1974 AND MEASURE TO COPE WITH EFFECTS OF CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS
IN 1973 AND 1974 DISCLOSED NO OBJECTIONS TO AGENCY'S PROPOSED
APPROACHES. DISCUSSION OF TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
IN 1974 REPORTED SEPTEL. ACTION REQUESTED: NON. END SUMMARY.

2. IAEA GG SUB- GROUP MET AT US MISSION APRIL 17, WITH
US AND UK CHAIRING AND FOLLOWING REPRESENTED: FRG, AUSTRALIA,
JAPAN, ITALY, CANADA. NUMEROUS ABSENCES DUE IN PART TO ABSENCE
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INSTRUCTIONS, ALL MEMBERS PRESENT SPOKE AD REFERENDUM IN DISCUSSION.

3. REVIEW OF GG/ CL X NOTE ON MEETING WAS BRIEF SINCE UNIDO SUB- GROUP HAD FULLY REVIEWED SAME PREVIOUS AFTERNOON WITH MANY OF SAME PARTICIPANTS. POINTS OF SPECIFIC INTEREST TO IAEA NOTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. JIU - GOV/ INF PAPER DEALING WITH REPORT ON WATER RESOURCES SHOULD BE OUT BY JUNE BOARD. GROUP MEMBERS WILL REVIEW DG RESPONSE TO REPORT AT THAT TIME AND DECIDE WHETHER ANY FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED. VISIT OF JIU MEMBER BENDER (US) TO VIENNA FOR PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF COMMON ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR IAEA AND UNIDO UPON OCCUPATION OF NEW PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX IN 1977 HAD ENCOURAGED ORGANIZATIONS TO PREPARE TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL PUT TO UNIDO BY IAEA SOME MONTHS AGO. JIU REPORT NOT EXPECTED IMMEDIATELY, BUT SUBSEQUENT TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BY ORGANIZATIONS AND ISSUANCE OF REPORT, JOINT MEETING OF IAEA AND UNIDO SUB- GROUPS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO DISCUSS ENTIRE QUESTION OF COMMON SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS.

B. EDP - CO- CHAIRMAN TOOK NOTE OF GC/ CL DISCUSSION AND OF FACT THAT ACC WOULD RECOMMEND TO ECOSOC THAT FULL STUDY OF THIS QUESTION IN UN SYSTEM BE UNDERTAKEN, GROUP AGREED THAT QUESTION OF COMPUTER HARDWARE FOR IAEA SETTLED FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE BY RECENT PURCHASE OF COMPUTER, BUT THAT COORDINATION OF METHODS AND APPROACHES WOULD BE USEFUL, AND THAT GROUP MEMBERS SHOULD ENCOURAGE AGENCY SECRETARIAT TO PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN ANY REVIEW PURSUANT TO ACC RECOMMENDATION.

4. 1973 SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENT: ALL MEMBERS OF GROUP EXCEPT ITALY (NOT CURRENT MEMBER OF BOARD) HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY CHAIRMAN OF BOARD AND DDG HALL ON BASIS SECRETARIAT PAPER OUTLINING PROJECTED EFFECTS OF CURRENCY FLUCTUATION AND INFLATION ON 1973 BUDGET AND PROPOSED SAVINGS AND SUPPLEMENTALS REQUIRED TO COVER SAME (COPY AIRMAILED IO/ SCT APRIL 12, DISCUSSED IAEA VIENNA 2871 NOTAL). THERE WAS GENERAL APPRECIATION OF SAVINGS PROPOSED BY DG, BUT WITH SOME EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN LEST DELAYS IN RECRUITMENT ADVERSELY AFFECT APPROVED AGENCY PROGRAMS WHICH GROUP MEMBERS FELT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED; CO- CHAIRMEN NOTED THAT SAFEGUARDS AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS HAD BEEN EXEMPTED BY DG FROM IMPOSED INCREASED LAPSE IN FILLING VACANT POSITIONS. NO OPPOSITION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VOICED TO PROPOSED \$1.3- MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.

UK REPORTED THAT RECENT CONVERSATION WITH A GDR REP HAD DISCLOSED SOME UNCERTAINTY IN LATTER' S MIND WHETHER GDR APPLICATION WOULD BE SUBMITTED IN TIME FOR JUNE BOARD TO CONSIDER; SEPTEMBER PRE- GG BOARD WAS EQUALLY POSSIBLE. IT ALSO UNCERTAIN WHETHER GDR WOULD COMPLETE FORMALITIES THIS YEAR. ACCORDINGLY, THERE WAS STILL NO CERTAINTY WHETHER \$1.25- MILLION SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENT COULD BE REDUCED BY \$300,000 GDR ASSESSMENT FOR 1973. SUBJECT TO REDUCTION IN EVENT GDR DOES COMPLETE MEMBERSHIP FORMALITIES AND PAY, NO MEMBER OF GROUP OBJECTED TO SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT.

5. 1974 EFFECTS CURRENCY FLUCTUATION CO- CHAIRMEN NOTED THAT PROPOSED SEPARATE APPROPRIATIONS SECTION IN AMOUNT OF \$2.1- MILLION TO BE ADDED TO DRAFT BUDGET WAS ENTIRELY DUE TO INABILITY IN TIME AVAILABLE TO RE- COST DRAFT TO TAKE ACCOUNT DEVALUATION US DOLLAR. IF GROUP APPROVED PROGRAMS PROPOSED FOR 1974, APPROVAL SUFFICIENT DOLLARS TO IMPLEMENT THEM UNDER NEW CURRENCY RATES FOLLOWED. USE OF FUNDS FROM THIS SECTION WOULD BE SUBJECT TO LATER BOARD APPROVAL. NO MEMBER OF GROUP INDICATED ANY OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED HANDLING OF PROBLEM OR RAISED QUESTIONS AS TO SIZE OF APPROPRIATION SECTION.

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6. 1974 BUDGET: UK CO- CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD CIRCULATE ADDENDUM DETAILING JUSTIFICATION FOR 60 PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO AUTHORIZED MANNING TABLE; HE FELT THAT CASE EXISTED FOR MOST IF NOT ALL, BUT THAT DOCUMENT FAILED TO MAKE CASE IN EASILY COMPREHENSIBLE FORM. ALSO, NOT ALL POSITIONS WOULD BE FILLED AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AND TOTAL EMPLOYMENT WOULD ADD UP TO CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN 50 MAN/ YEARS OF TIME IN 1974. GROUP AGREED SUCH AN ADDENDUM WOULD INCREASE UTILITY OF DOCUMENT CONSIDERABLY.

7. ITALIAN REP CALLED ATTENTION TO SIZE OF PROGRAM INCREASE FOR ENVIRONMENT, AND FELT THAT PARA. E.10/22 OF DOCUMENT WAS TACTICAL ERROR, IN THAT CALLING ATTENTION TO SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO START EXPANDED WORK IN 1973 WOULD GIVE SOME LDC' S TAKEOFF POINT TO SUGGEST SAME IN 1974. IT
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AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT EFFORT TO AMEND PARA AT THIS POINT WOULD MERELY CALL ATTENTION TO IT. FURTHER ON ENVIRONMENT, CANADIAN REP OBSERVED THAT ROLE OF INDIVIDUAL AGENCY PROGRAMS VIS- A- VIS UN ENVIRONMENT FUND NOT YET SETTLED; IT NOT AGREED WHETHER AGENCIES SHOULD BE PRIMARILY EXECUTING AGENTS FOR FUND OR ALSO EXECUTE PROGRAMS FROM OWN RESOURCES. WHILE AGENCY HAS CERTAIN STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA IT MUST CARRY OUT, CANADA WOULD PROBABLY TAKE POSITION THAT UNEP SHOULD BE PRIME COORDINATION AND THAT AGENCIES SHOULD NOT HAVE LAST WORD ON WORK IN ENVIRONMENT FIELD. JAPAN POSITION WAS THAT ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE FUNDED TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE BY UNEP, BUT ADMITTED THAT THIS PROBABLY NOT FULLY POSSIBLE IN 1974 AS UNEP AND FUND STILL BEING ORGANIZED. IT NOTED THAT GG/ CL NOTE ON MEETING INCONCLUSIVE ON THIS POINT. CONSENSUS WAS THAT AGENCY WAS FOLLOWING CORRECT APPROACH IN PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF LONG- STANDING ACTIVITIES THAT COULD BE CLASSED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (E. G., HEALTH AND SAFETY, WASTEMANAGEMENT), AND IN PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF AND ACTIVITIES TO EXECUTE RESPONSIBILITIES LAID ON IT BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS (E. G., LONDON OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION). HOWEVER, FUTURE OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS SHOULD PROPERLY BE FUNDED BY UNEF. GROUP SHOULD KEEP PRESSURE ON DG TO BE SURE THAT UNEF PROVIDED MAXIMUM SUPPORT FOR AGENCY PROGRAM, AND TO COORDINATE PROGRAM WITH OTHER PARTS OF UN SYSTEM THROUGH ECB. DG SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO REPORT TO THE JUNE BOARD ON THE PROGRESS OF AGENCY DISCUSSION WITH UNEF, AND

TO MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON HANDLING OF FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM WHEN INITIAL UNEF PROJECTS PRESENTED TO BOARD FOR APPROVAL (I. E., SHOULD STAFF BE SHOWN ON REGULAR MANNING TABLE AND FUTURE INCOME, AS STATED IN PARA A.6 OF DRAFT 1974 BUDGET, BE TREATED AS MISCELLANEOUS INCOME, AS IS NOW CASE FOR UNDP OVERHEAD COSTS, OR SHOULD STAFF POSITIONS BE SHOWN AS UNEF FUNDED, ETC.).

8. FRG REP NOTED GENERALLY QUESTIONABLE USE OF MAN/ YEAR FIGURES CITED IN CONNECTION COST BREAKDOWNS FOR SUB- PROGRAMS IN BUDGET. US NOTED THAT WE HAD FOUND SAME PROBLEM THROUGHOUT DOCUMENT (PARA 4, IAEA VIENNA 3123 NOTAL). CONSENSUS WAS THAT FIGURES WERE USEFUL, BUT THAT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS MIGHT MAKE COMMENT AT COMMITTEE ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. SECRETARIAT EFFORTS TO REFINE DEFINITIONS AND METHODS OF FORMULATING FIGURES SHOULD CONTINUE (I. E., MAN/ YEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COSTS SHOULD NOT EQUAL MANNING TABLE PERSONNEL TOTALS ESPECIALLY WHEN ALL POSITIONS NOT TO BE FILLED AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS IS CASE IN SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM).

B. INDICATION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF TIME SPENT ON SUB- PROGRAMS BY FAO PERSONNEL IN JOINT FAO/ IAEA DIVISION SHOULD BE SHOWN IN BUDGET IN FUTURE (JOINT DIVISION NOW REPORTS SIMILAR FIGURES TO FAO IN CONNECTION ITS BUDGETARY PROCESS).

C. SECRETARIAT SHOULD MAKE EFFORT TO SHOW FIGURES FOR GS TIME AS WELL AS PROFESSION TIME, SINCE IN CERTAIN SUB- PROGRAMS WHERE BULK OF WORK IS CARRIED OUT BY GS STAFF ABSENCE OF THESE FIGURES DISTORTS PICTURE OF SUB- PROGRAM COSTS.

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D. DG SHOULD MAKE CONTINUING EFFORT TO INVOLVE PROGRAM MANAGERS IN FORMULATION OF BUDGET ESTIMATES, INCLUDING ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE STATEMENT OF ALLOCATION OF STAFF TIME AMONG SUB-PROGRAMS, AND AVOID LETTING SUCH ESTIMATES BECOME ROTE EXERCISE. FURTHER, IT AGREED THAT ALL MEMBERS OF GROUP SHOULD QUESTION PROGRAM MANAGERS OF GROUP SHOULD QUESTION PROGRAM MANAGERS IN SECRETARIAT INDIVIDUALLY ABOUT ESTIMATES THEIR PROGRAMS, TO DRIVE HOME THAT AGENCY MEMBERS SERIOUS ABOUT WISHING ACCURATE FIGURES PREPARED BY KNOWLEDGEABLE MANAGERS, NOT SCRATCH JOB.

9. US RAISED POSSIBILITY OF DISTRIBUTION OF COSTS COMPUTER AND PUBLICATIONS SERVICES (TABLES E.12.6 AND E.16.6) TO ALL OTHER PROGRAMS IN FUTURE YEARS, IN SAME MANNER AS IS NOW USED FOR SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM SUPPORT COSTS. GROUP CONSENSUS WAS THAT THIS WOULD PRESENT BETTER PICTURE OF TRUE COSTS OF PROGRAMS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO DO THIS IN 1975 AND FUTURE BUDGETS.

10. AGENCY CASH LIQUIDITY SITUATION: CO- CHAIRMEN NOTED THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS PROBLEM HAD BEEN STUDIED BY SECRETARIAT AND THAT DG NOW FELT THAT SO LONG AS ALL MEMBERS COULD MAINTAIN SAME SCHEDULE OF THEIR ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION PAYMENTS IN 1974 AS THEY HAD AGREED TO FOR 1973, NO INCREASE IN AGENCY WORKING CAPITAL FUND WOULD BE REQUIRED AND AGENCY SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH 1974 WITHOUT CASH LIQUIDITY CRISIS. IN EVENT SHOULD TERM COMMERCIAL MARKET AS REQUIRED, AND WOULD SO ANNOUNCE TO A& B COMMITTEE. GROUP CONSENSUS WAS THAT THIS

MADE SENSE, AND ABSENCE OF REQUIREMENT FOR INCREASE IN WCF
EASED CONSIDERATION OF AGENCY REQUESTS FOR SUPPLEMENTALS TO
COVER BUDGETARY PROBLEMS.

11. GROUP AGREED THAT BARRING SOME MAJOR NEW DEVELOPMENT
NO FURTHER MEETING WOULD BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO A& B COMMITTEE
MEETING ON MAY 8-9.

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